

4th Grade Newsletter

December 16-20



Reading

The story for the week: *The Beatles Were Fab (and They Were Funny)*

Skills: Ideas and Support, Text Structure, Figurative Language

Vocabulary Words: trampled, stunned, polished, flattered, regretted, hilarious, observant, dignified

Grammar Focus: Verbs- Modal Auxiliaries

Spelling Focus: Adding *-ed* or *-ing*

Math

Our area and perimeter chapter has flown by! This week we will wrap up the chapter by reviewing on Monday and testing on Tuesday.

Religion

We are focusing on the Christmas season this week. We will be learning about the season's focus of celebrating Jesus' birth and why we call Jesus the Bread of Life. We will also discuss the different feast days we celebrate during the Christmas season.

Science

We will not continue into the next part of our science unit until after the break.

Social Studies

Students will be working in groups to build Native American villages this week. I'm excited to see their creative side in action!

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 25-Dec. 18- Christmas Drive

Dec. 18- Class Christmas Party

Dec. 18- Principal's List Free Dress

Dec. 20- Pajama Day/Half Day Release

Dec. 23-Jan. 3- Christmas Break

Jan. 8- Biography Book Picked

Jan. 10- 4th Grade Hosted Mass (Full Dress)

Upcoming Tests

Dec. 17- Area/Perimeter Math Assessment

Other Notes:

- Wednesday is our Christmas party! I would like to invite students to bring in a wrapped Christmas tree ornament as part of a fun ornament gift exchange. Ornaments should cost \$5 or less.
- Our half day Friday will be a fun and laid back way to end this calendar year. Students are invited to wear appropriate pajamas and bring pillows to school! We will be spending most of the day enjoying a Christmas movie with the whole school.
- In January students will begin a biography book report with a PowerPoint presentation to go along. Over the break is a perfect opportunity to find a book and begin reading it. Books must be chosen no later than January 8.

The following words will be practiced but not tested.

1. wiped
2. covered
3. mapped
4. pleasing
5. slipped
6. putting
7. traveled
8. seeking
9. visiting
10. mixed
11. shipped
12. phoning
13. offered
14. smelling
15. hiking
16. checking
17. fainted
18. landed
19. becoming
20. wandering
21. traced
22. spinning
23. dancing
24. escaped
25. honored
26. modeling
27. securing
28. shuddered

Prayer:

As we approach Christmas, dear God, help each of us to recognize what Jesus has done for us and the new direction he has given us. May each of us this Christmas make a special effort to live out Jesus' example and make this Christmas a beautiful one.

Amen.

SLE of the week:



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